

COVID-19 Update 18 February 2021

As of yesterday's report, Greenwood County had 8 additional confirmed cases in the county for a total of 6,448 cases confirmed since 21 March. *Remember this is only those which have been confirmed and is for those who were tested a minimum of two days ago. This means there are others who have been tested and are in quarantine awaiting results. Additionally, an individual can be asymptomatic, (contagious but shows no symptoms), and may choose not to be tested.*

The first 5,995 cases in Greenwood County were reported over 15 days ago, so there are 5,995 individuals who should have recovered from the virus. Additionally, Greenwood County has had **137** confirmed deaths due to the virus. **(SCDHEC reported 1 new death of a middle-aged individual.)** This brings Greenwood County's remaining estimated total of active confirmed cases to 316. *DHEC does not track recovered individuals by county, so this number is an estimate based on the following: Most individuals recover from the virus within this time frame.*

From 1 February until 15 February (2 weeks), Greenwood has had 379 confirmed cases out of a population of 70,811. This equates to an incident rate of **535.2** per 100,000 individuals which is rated as **high** by SCDHEC. (Low = 50 or less; Medium = 51 - 200; High = 201 or more)

SCDHEC reported an additional 655 new confirmed cases in the state for a total of 429,494. Also, they reported 50 new confirmed deaths in the state for a total of 7,248. Please click this [link](#) to see the deaths by county. For additional information on underlying conditions or other information in this section, please call DHEC at 1-855-472-3432. *SCDHEC has begun providing a number of probable cases and deaths. I will only be providing the confirmed numbers.*

SCDHEC reported 8,972 of 11,261 inpatient beds are in use for a 79.7% usage rate statewide. Of the 8,972 beds in use, 1,205 are occupied by patients who either have tested positive or are under investigation for COVID-19. This is 13.4% of the beds in use.

As of 16 February, Greenwood County has 157 of 206 hospital beds in use which is 76.2% utilization rate. As of 16 February, Self Regional reported 25 COVID-19 patients with 9 in ICU. Of these, 8 patients are on ventilation.

SCDHEC has created a dashboard which tracks the COVID-19 cases in K-12 schools within SC. Please click this [link](#) to see the numbers of reported cases by school.

SCDHEC is finding an increased rate of individuals who do not have symptoms and don't know they are infectious as they have expanded testing. This increases the risk of spreading the virus. Over the past couple of weeks, Greenwood County has seen the number of cases of COVID-19 increase. It is important we slow the spread of the virus by **keeping 6 feet apart, washing our hands, avoiding large gatherings, remaining home when sick** and wearing face coverings when in public facilities which do not allow for social distancing.

To view additional state level data see [DHEC's COVID-19 webpage](#).

To view additional county level data see [DHEC's SC County-level data for COVID-19](#).

The following are the dates and locations for COVID-19 mobile test sites in Greenwood County.

18 February: 303 Alexander Avenue East, Greenwood, Self Regional; 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.
19 February: 303 Alexander Avenue East, Greenwood, Self Regional; 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.
22 February: 303 Alexander Avenue East, Greenwood, Self Regional; 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.
24 February: 450 Willson Street, Greenwood, Self Regional, Lander University; 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.
25 February: 303 Alexander Avenue East, Greenwood, Self Regional; 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.
26 February: 303 Alexander Avenue East, Greenwood, Self Regional; 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Vaccinations: Self Regional has begun vaccinating their staff. Additionally, first responders in Greenwood County have begun receiving the vaccine. This is phase 1a of a multi-phase rollout of the vaccine. Below is a link to the guidance from SCDHEC on the phases of the vaccine rollout.

[SCDHE Vaccine Webpage.](#)

Below are additional links to review information about mRNA vaccines. (Newest on top)

https://www.facebook.com/RotaryClubOfGreenwood/videos/404478987420866/?_so=_channel_tab&_rv=_all_videos_card

Vaccine presentation begins at the 11:18 mark.

Greenwood [County's Vaccine Webpage](#)

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